



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body and affects both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the swelling caused by lymphedema can lead to severe infection or loss of the use of limbs, and patients suffering from lymphedema must endure physical discomfort and disfigurement and cope with the distress caused by these symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the single largest group of people who get lymphedema are cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have indicated that 20 percent of breast cancer patients will get lymphedema after surgery and radiation; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, there are a reported 8.5 million Americans living after a diagnosis of cancer; and

WHEREAS, no drug or effective surgical treatment for lymphedema currently exists; and

WHEREAS, research in all areas of lymphedema has been notably limited; and

WHEREAS, lymphedema, which has no cure and can occur anytime, has a severe financial, physical, and psychological impact on patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2003, to be

L Y M P H E D E M A A W A R E N E S S D A Y

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE